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SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT PAPADIOPOULOS INITIATES LAWSUIT  
SEEKING TERMINATION OF HIS "FORCED DETENTION"

1. FORMER PRESIDENT PAPADIOPOULOS INITIATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 11 WITH INTENT OF LIFTING HIS ALLEGED "ILLEGAL DETENTION" AT HIS LAGONISSI HOME. GENDARMERIE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONTINGENT GUARDING PAPADIOPOULOS' RESIDENCE NAMED AS DEFENDANT. FIRST REPORTS OF THIS LAWSUIT BECAME PUBLIC OCTOBER 19.

2. PAPADOPOULOS RETAINED ATTORNEY DIMITRIOUS BAGIOGAS TO FILE SUIT IN ATHENS COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE WITH VIEW TOWARD TERMINATION FOLLOWING "ILLEGAL ACTS" CARRIED OUT BY GENDARMERIE OFFICIALS GUARDING HIS VILLA, I.E. (A) PREVENTION PAPADIOPOULOS AND MEMBERS HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY FROM LEAVING VILLA; (B) BAN ON VISITS BY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TO PAPADOPOULOS AND (C) BAN ON "COMMUNICATIONS" BETWEEN APAPDOPOULOS AND THIRD PARTIES OUTSIDE VILLA PRECINCTS. LAWSUIT ALLEGES THAT ACTIONS OF GENDARMERIE OFFICIALS TAKEN WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF JUDICIAL DECISION, WARRANT OF ARREST/ DETENTION, OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACT OR

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LEGAL ORDER OF STATE ORGAN WHICH STIPULATES ANY

LEGAL REASON FOR THE DEPRIVATION OF PERSONAL FREEDOM  
SUFFERED BY PAPADOPOULOS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY  
MEMBERS.

3. ATHENS PROSECUTOR FAFOUTIS REPORTEDLY ORDERED A  
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY OCTOBER 18 TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER  
PAPADOPOULOS ALLEGATIONS WELL-FOUNDED. AT LEAST ONE  
WITNESS SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD PRESIDING JUDGE KOUVELAKIS  
THAT HE REPEATEDLY TRIED TO VISIT PAPADIPoulos  
AFTER SEPTEMBER 25 BUT WAS STOPPED ON EVERY OCCASION  
BY VILLA GUARD.

4. PANAYOTIS LAMBRIAS, FORMER UNDERSECRETARY TO THE  
PM (PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF CARETAKE GOVERNMENT)  
HAD IN FACT BEEN QUOTED AS TELLING PRESS REPRESENTATIVES  
ON SEPTEMBER 26 THAT PAPADOPOULOS WAS "ISOLATED FROM  
OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND RESTRICTED TO SEASIDE VILLA  
GUARDED BY FIFTEEN SECURITY POLICE" (ATHENS-7090).  
SOME GOVERNMENT OPPONENTS AT THAT TIME SPECULATED  
THAT IF REPORT WERE TRUE, IT COULD SIGNIFY GOVERNMENT  
DESIRE TO PREVENT PAPADOPOULOS FORMING ANY NEW POLITICAL  
MOVEMENT. AS COMPLICATING FACTOR TO ALL OF THIS,  
PAPADOPOULOS HAS NOT BEEN QUESTIONED IN INQUIRY  
RELEVANT TO POLYTECHNION DISTURBANCES OF NOVEMBER, 1973.  
ADDITIONALLY, PAPADOPOULOS HIMSELF IS ON RECEIVING END  
OF PRIVATE LAWSUIT INITIATED BY ATHENS ATTORNEY  
LYKOUREZOS ACCUSING HIM OF HIGH TREASON.

5. WITH SO MANY CONFUSING AND CONTROVERSIAL ELEMENTS  
SURROUNDING PAPADOPOULOS, NOT ONLY AS TO HIS PERSONAL  
STATUS, BUT ALSO HIS "POLITICAL INTENTIONS" AND  
GOVERNMENT'S TRIAL INTENTIONS, IT WOULD SEEM THAT  
GOVERNMENT WILL COME UNDER INCREASING PRE-ELECTORAL  
PRESSURE TO MAKE CLEAR STATEMENT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER  
ON ISSUE.  
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